



*The Mayo College Mail wishes you a very happy New Year!*

# The need for a CHANGE @ Mayo

Some old things need to be changed or modernised in **Mayo** before its too late. Here are some examples of the old and worn out things that still exist here.

**M**ayo is a place where some new things keep happening and some old things stay on. Today, after some traditions have been going on for years and some things have been kept since the good old days, there is an urgent need to change or 'modernise' some of these. I would like to state some of these things that I feel need to be changed:

## **Nameplates**

The nameplates of all the classrooms were put long back. Today, a lot of these teachers whose initials can be found in the classrooms have left the school, and 99% of all teachers have moved to some other classroom. We have got to look after this.

## **Calendar Pattern**

All activities that happen in Mayo come at the same time every year. The calendar pattern has been the same from a long time. For example, the cross country interhouse always takes place in July, the Fun Fete always happens at a fixed time, the festivals are always celebrated in the same way with fixed menus for lunch and dinner. There is a need to remake the calendar in a new pattern.

## **Old things that never changed**

Not *all* old things have proved to be bad. The old fans are better than the best! But then there are some old things which need to be changed just like the green boards were changed to white boards in all rooms. The old desks in some of the classrooms have got to be changed. The Mayo website also looks too worn out.



## **Some Old Traditions**

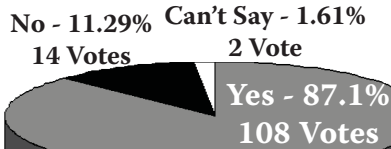
Not actually '*traditions*', but these things have been going on for years together. The entire cafe system needs a change. The Friday 'kathis' are of course liked by all but what about the other things? Canteen needs to change its 'timetable' and look for a better and wider range eatables. There is also a need to change the slogans that are used by Mayoites specially in football matches. These slogans have got to be modified with new terms and words and this has to be done like a team.

## **Nevertheless, we are the BEST**

Everything has good and bad points, and so does Mayo. The continuous renovations of houses and buildings, the sprawling greens, and the brilliant computer facilities that we have here are rare for a boarding school. The points mentioned above were some of the points we are weak at and I am sure the management has already thought about this before me. So, let's get ready for the change that Mayo is going to get, and hope for an excellent decade ahead!

## OPINION POLL

*Next poll - Do you think the new CCE grading system is a boon?*



*Next poll - The online poll has been temporarily stopped for some technical reasons and will continue after a week or two.*



**Humanity, shown by the  
Father of our Nation!**

As Gandhi stepped aboard a train one day, one of his shoes slipped off and landed on the track. He was unable to retrieve it as the train was moving. To the amazement of his companions, Gandhi calmly took off his other shoe and threw it back along the track to land close to the first. Asked by a fellow passenger why he did so, Gandhi smiled. "The poor man who finds the shoes lying on the track," he replied, "will now have a pair he can use."

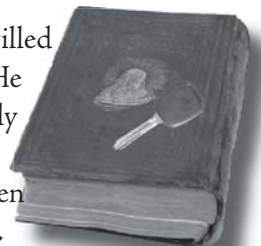
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## A Bible and a Sports CAR

- D.S. JHALA -

A young man was getting ready to graduate from his college. For many months he had admired a beautiful sports car in a dealer's showroom, and knowing his father could well afford it, he told him that the car was all he wanted. As Graduation Day approached, the young man awaited signs that his father had purchased the car. Finally, on the morning of his graduation his father called him into his private study. His father told him how proud he was to have such a fine son, and told him how much he loved him. He handed his son a beautiful wrapped gift box. Curious, but somewhat disappointed the young man opened the box and found a lovely, leather-bound Bible. Angrily, he raised his voice at his father and said, "With all your money you are giving me a Bible?" and stormed out of the house, leaving the holy book. Many years passed and the young man was very successful in business. He had a beautiful home and wonderful a family, but realised his father was very old, and thought perhaps he should go to him. He had not seen him since that graduation day. Before he could make arrangements, he received a telegram telling him

his father had passed away, and willed all of his possessions to his son. He needed to come home immediately and take care of things. When he arrived at his father's house, sudden sadness and regret filled his heart.



He began to search his father's important papers and saw the still new Bible, just as he had left it years ago. With tears, he opened the Bible and began to turn the pages. As he read those words, a car key dropped from an envelope taped behind the Bible. It had a tag with the dealer's name, the same dealer who had the sports car he had desired. On the tag was the date of his graduation, and the words...PAID IN FULL.  
**HOW MANY TIMES DO WE MISS GOD'S BLESSINGS  
BECAUSE THEY ARE NOT PACKAGED THE SAME WAY  
WE EXPECT THEM TO BE?**

**Congratulations to Mr. Ajay Singh on becoming the House Master of Rajasthan House!**

# UNUSUAL CIRCUMSTANCES IN MY LIFE

-Raghav Choudhary

It is not unusual to live in a life full of contradictions, but what may be unusual or unique is one's engagement with life and its subsequent blossoming.

My experience of eighteen years in this world:

I have lived in a house spread over 5 acres yet I do not fail to notice everyday the thousands with no roof over their heads. I think deeply about the problem of unemployment and consider the role I can play.

I watch the depraved condition of Indian politics. Recently however I have observed businessmen who, with no personal gain in view, have entered politics solely for the sake of their country. I admire them and hope that one day I may follow their footsteps and wonder whether power corrupts oneself.

I have seen a society which is materialistic and ostentatious while I have also seen spiritual simplicity in my home. I wonder whether there really is a connection between wealth and happiness.

My grandmother has not finished high school; she believes that the role of a woman is to stand by her husband and raise her children the best way she knows how. My younger sister is currently pursuing her PhD. in 'Values in Education' and believes that one must be true in one's own inner rhythm of development. How is that I love and admire both?

World trade is opening up its borders and quotas are going to die yet I watch small manufacturing firms such as my father's struggle to survive. I see him and learn what it is to endure, persevere and innovate.

I have a lot of friends who love and admire me but the one I love is in love with another. The irony of human relationships fascinates me. I wonder why there are so many expectations. Are there such things as love, purity and simplicity?

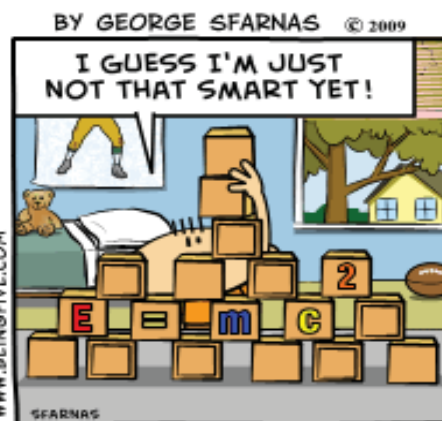
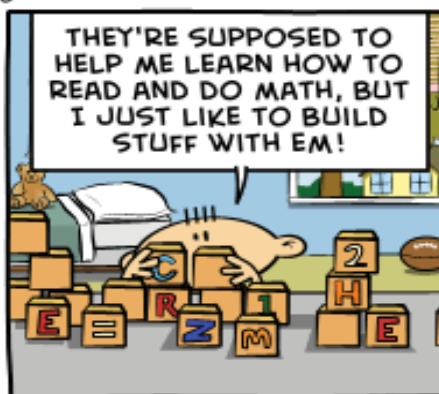
I have always been in the top 5 in class in terms of acumen, but I know next to nothing about the significance of scientific research in Antarctica, or the solution to the problem in Sudan or Kashmir. I wonder whether brilliance is merely academic achievement.

I observe life in all its complexity, brimming with questions which are waiting to be answered. And I see me, Raghav Choudhary.

I detect an urge in me to constantly search for an answer, an answer to life's multiple questions, a quest to search for its meaning and purpose...

## COMIC STRIP - BEING FIVE

BEING FIVE A BOY AND HIS BLOG





## IN THE PICS



## WORLD TRADE CENTRE

(left) The explosion of the WTC  
(right) The future WTC (in making)

## NEW BOOKS IN THE LIBRARY

The Lost Symbol- Dan Brown

The Storyteller's Tale- Omair Ahmad

No Guns at son's funeral- Paro Anand

2 States: The Story of My Marriage- Chetan Bhagat

Wolf Hall- Hilary Mantel

Salim Must Die- Mukul Deva

What on Earth happened?- Christopher Lloyd

## ! HOWLERS!

*"The stone went and hit me"*

*"Pass the toothpaste...please"*

*"I'll kill your brain!"*

*"Death will never be so deadly"*

*"It was a wrong misconception"*

*"My head is headaching"*

*"If you talk once more I'll make you out of the class"*

*"What did I did?"*

*Heard somebody speaking very weird English?  
Send us your howlers at [editor@mayocollege.com](mailto:editor@mayocollege.com)*

## SIZZLING FACTS

If you are right handed, you will tend to chew your food on your right side. If you are left handed, you will tend to chew your food on your left side.

Chewing gum while peeling onions will keep you from crying.

It cost 7 million dollars to build the Titanic and 200 million to make a film about it.

The reason honey is so easy to digest is that it's already been digested by a bee.

Google is actually the common name for a number with a million zeros.

Human hair and fingernails continue to grow after death.

Most football players run 10 km in a game.

The average person laughs 13 times a day.

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